

I Now in the presence of Almighty God, The blessed Virgin Mary, the Blessed St John the Baptist, The Holy Apostles St. Peter, & St. Paul, & all saints, Sacred Host of Heaven, & to you my Ghostly Father, & St. Ignatius, in the veneration, of the Paul the 11th & continue to the present, do by the womb of the Virgin Mary, the Matrix of God, & the Rod of JESUS, Christ, declare & swear, that Holiness, the rope is Christ's Vice-Regent, & is the True & only head of the Universal Church throughout the whole world, & that by virtue of the keys binding & loosing, given his holiness by my Savior Jesus Christ, he hath power over heretical kings, princes, states, Commonwealths, & governments, That they are safely destroyed, therefore to the utmost of my power, I will defend this & his holiness right & custom against all usurpers of the heretical or protestant authority whatever, especially the Lutheran church, of Germany, Holland, Denmark & Norway, & the new pretended authority & churches, of England, Scotland, & Ireland, now established in Ireland, & on the continent of America, & elsewhere, where in regard that they may be usurped & heretical opposing the sacred church of Rome, now denounce & disown any allegiance as due to any heretic, prince, or state, named protestant or liberals, or obedience to any of their magistrates or officers, I do further declare that I will help assist & advise any of his holiness agents, in any place where I should be, in Switzerland, Holland, or America, or in any other territory, I shall come to, & do my utmost ~~to extirpate~~ ~~the~~ ~~HERETICAL PROTESTANT ORGANIC DOCTRINE,~~ & destroy all their powers, legal or otherwise, I do further promise & declare, that notwithstanding I am despensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of mother church, & keep secret & private all her agents & counsels from time to time, they intrust me, & not divulge directly or indirectly by word, or any circumstance whatever, but to excuse all that should be proposed, Given in charge or discourse unto me, by my ghostly father, or any of his sacred order, I do further promise & declare, That I will have no opinion or will of my own, or any mental reserv whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver, (PERINDA, A. CADAVER,) but will unflinchingly, obey each & every command that I may receive from my superiors in MALITIA OF THE POPE & OF JESUS CHRIST, That I will go to any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the North, or the burning deserts of Africa, or the jungles of India, to the centre of Civilization Europe, or to the wild haunts of the Barbarous Savages of America, without fear or repining, & will be submissive in all things whatsoever, is communicated, do further promise & declare, That I will when opportunity presents make & relentless war secretly against all heretics, protestants, & masons, as I am to do, To extirpate them from the face of the whole earth, That I will spare age, sex, or condition, that I will BURN, WASTE, BOIL, FLAY, STRANGLE, & BURN ALL INFAMOUS HERETICS, RIP UP THE WOMEN & WOMBS, & CRUSH THEIR INFLUENCES, IN THE WALLS, IN ORDER TO ANNIHILATE THEM UNCRIMBABLE RAGS, That when the same persons openly, I will secretly use the poisonous Cup, the strangulation cord, or the poinard, or the leaden bullet, Regardless of the Honor, Rank, Dignity, or the persons, whatever be their condition in life, either public or private, I let any time may be directed to so do, by any agent of the rope, or the brotherhood of the Holy Father, or the Society of Jesus, in conformatation I hereby dedicate my life, soul & all corporal powers & with the dagger which I receive I will subscribe my name written in my own blood, in testimony that if I prove false or weaken in my determination, may my brethren & fellow Knights of Columbus cut off my hands & feet, My throat from ear to ear, my belly opened & sulphur burned therein, with all the punishment, that can be upon me by demons in eternal hell forever, That I will in voting always vote for the party as to do, that if two Catholics are on the ticket, I will always choose the better supporter of the Mother Church, & vote according thereto, & with or employ a Protestant if in my power to do so, & on the 1st of May, I will place Catholic girls in protestant family's of the same, & will provide my self with arms & ammunition, that I may be in readiness when it is passed, or I am commanded to defend the church, either at home or abroad, in the MALITIA OF THE POPE, All of which I do swear by the blessed sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform & observe as my oath, In testimony thereof I take the most holy & blessed right fist, & witness the same further with my name written with the ink dipped in my own blood, & seal in the face of this holy sacrament,
SIGNATURE.

THE FOLLOWING IS MY DECLARED PRINCIPLES, ALWAYS WERE AND ALWAYS SHALL BE.

I believe in Almighty God, The Great Spirit, Who is the Creator and preserve of the Universe, and all that in them is. And also in his SON JESUS CHRIST, our Redeemer, and in the HOLY BIBLE his revealed Will for all mankind in this world. I believe in private Judgement, and Freedom of opinion, as established by MARTIN LUTHER in the begining of the Reformation, and carried on by PROTESTANT PEOPLE the world over. This intelligence establishes good Government and causes the perpetuity of good Government wherever it may be established. All Public Schools are very essential to the Safety and good Government of any STATE OR NATION. That any person or persons, Disloyal to our form of Representative Government, or our PUBLIC SCHOOLS, should be severely dealt by the BAR OF JUSTICE. That the Forcimg of any Citizen in the exercise of his Constitutional Rights, under the guise of POLITICAL, SPIRITUAL, OR RELI AUTHORITY, Should be punished by the SUPREME BAR OF JUSTICE of this Great Republic of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, with the Severist Punishment they can deal out to them. I believe it is the BORN DUTY of every citizen of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, To DEFEND our DECLARATION OF INDEPENDANCE, OUR CONSTITUTION, & THE BAR OF JUSTICE, and all our Institutions keeping them clean of all Corrupt Influences, and against all assailants, wether by word of mouth, or propoganda, or with Arms from within or without. That our HERITAGE OF FREEDOM may be passed on to our Posterity unimpaired, The way our Forefathers intended it to remain. I shall always cherish the memories of the NOBLE MEN OF ALL AGES, and of whatever Country, That have fought for and caused to be established, CIVIL, &, RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, WITH THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT WORD & ACTION TO ANY PEOPLES. The names of these GREAT & NOBLE MEN, are an inspiring untiring VIGILANCE in upholding these Institution's, That were purchased by Blood & Treasure of our Forefathers in this GREAT LAND OF FREEDOM. CONSTITUTION OF THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDANCE, AND OUR BAR OF JUSTICE, is what I uphold and teach to any one in out of any ORGANIZATION, & the Just Principles therein taught. I have no Secret Principles, or no Hidden Aims, it is all on the surface, open and before GOD ALMIGHTY THE GREAT SPIRIT, in Purity & Justice, & for the Universal Liberty of every Man, Woman, and Child, of ALMIGHTY GOD THE GREAT SPIRIT wherever he may be. To Propogate these Principles all the peoples of these UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Should be United by a Solemn Oath of HONOR, FRIENDSHIP, TRUTH & RIGHTEOUSNESS, VIRTUE, INDUSTRY, AND PATRIOTISM. That our Heretage of Freedom may not be taken away by such false Doctrines as COMMUNISM, BOLSCHIVISM, NAZISM, FACISM, or any other kind of ISM'S from within or without. The People of this Country have Ruled themselves for over 150 Years and are well able to continue that duty, Till GABRIEL BLOWS HIS HORN, all the People must stand Shoulder to Shoulder, with the Ballot or Otherwise, if necessary. To uphold and retain our CONSTITUTION, DECLARATION OF INDEPENDANCE, AND OUR GREAT BAR OF JUSTICE, Which gives us Freedom of Thought Word & Action, This we should be never taken away from our People in this UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I SHALL FIGHT FOR THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES AT ANY TIME IT SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY.

WE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE BOUND BY BIRTH TO UPHOLD THESE PRINCIPLES IN OUR LIVES & OUT OF ANY ORGANIZATION WHATEVER.

Respectfully submitted to all the People of this Republic of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BY

S. G. Buck, Deac.

United Spanish War Veteran.

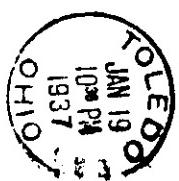
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CHIEF. MR J. E. HOOVER

U.S. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON. D.C.

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Los Angeles, California

January 19, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

In my conversation with Mr. Matthews he advised that he had been in touch with Harry Mayo, Chief of Police in the Warner Bros. Motion Picture Studio at Burbank, California, telephonically, advising that at the request of Mr. Harry Warner he was offering to this division any cooperation that he could render in connection with the letter received by the manager of the Strand Theatre at Forty-Second and Broadway, New York City, which it is believed threatened the manager if he permitted the display of the motion picture "Black Legion", which it was alleged in the threatening letter was of a nature suitable for public exhibition.

In my conversation with Mr. Matthews he recalled that at the time this motion picture was in production and on an occasion when I was at the Warner Bros. Studio at Burbank, the director of the picture, Mr. Mayo, had stated that a number of people had protested to him because of the theme of the picture and, because of this, suggested to Mr. Matthews that he might obtain from Mr. Mayo, the film company, any letter that Mr. Mayo might have received along this line regarding what he could do this. A copy of this letter will be furnished you.

In the event that the Los Angeles division can secure any information along the line of the above that would be of assistance, please advise.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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LMO: ERM

February 10, 1937.

Mr. Robert F. Jones,
Prosecuting Attorney,
Allen County,
1000 Lima Trust Building,
Lima, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Jones:

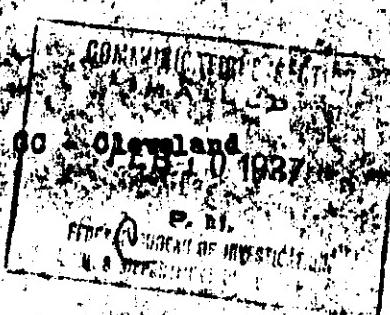
I am in receipt of your letter of January 22, 1937, requesting the aid of this Bureau in apprehending Virgil K. Kiffinger, who is wanted at Detroit, Michigan, on a charge of criminal syndicalism. It is noted that Kiffinger is apparently hiding out at Lima and may be receiving protection from local officials.

Please be advised that the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, is restricted to the investigation of violations of specific Federal law. As the facts set forth in your letter do not appear to relate to any violation of a Federal law coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, I regret that no active investigation can be made in this matter. I shall be pleased, however, to place a wanted notice in the Identification files of this Bureau so that you will be notified in case any information concerning Kiffinger is received. If such action is desired, it is respectfully requested that you furnish the full name of Kiffinger, his description, and his photograph and a copy of his fingerprints if available.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



OFFICE OF THE
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
ALLEN COUNTY
1008 LIMA TRUST BUILDING
LIMA, OHIO

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
ROBERT F. JONES

ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS
JOHN H. DAVIDSON
M. B. JENKINS

January 28, 1937

J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am concerned with the apprehension of Virgil E. Effinger, who is wanted on a charge of Criminal Syndicalism in Detroit, Michigan. He has been extradited and a warrant issued by the Governor of the State of Ohio to the Sheriff of Allen County and he has not been apprehended since the warrant was issued in August.

There is a great amount of rumor in this vicinity that members of the police department and high city officials are members of the Black Legion. For this reason rumors prevail that Effinger is hid in the city of Lima and reports come to this office from reputable sources that he has been seen on the city streets. It is needless to discuss the effect upon respect of the people of Lima for the police department with this sort of stigma attached to them.

Mrs. [REDACTED] leased a home to him several years ago which is now vacant, and a letter came to Effinger at that address and she has possession of the letter. I have not taken this matter up with the local postal inspector, hoping that your department could be of some help to us in locating him. She will hold the letter, per my instructions, and if you decide that it will be of any probative value and that you can help in this matter I will forward it to you.

Let me say again I sincerely request that you help locate Virgil E. Effinger because of the widespread effect upon law enforcement in this community failure to locate him has. This is a situation which you can readily see county officials cannot cope with and the membership of the Black Legion is reputed to be so large in this section that one cannot hazard a guess as to whom might be depended upon.

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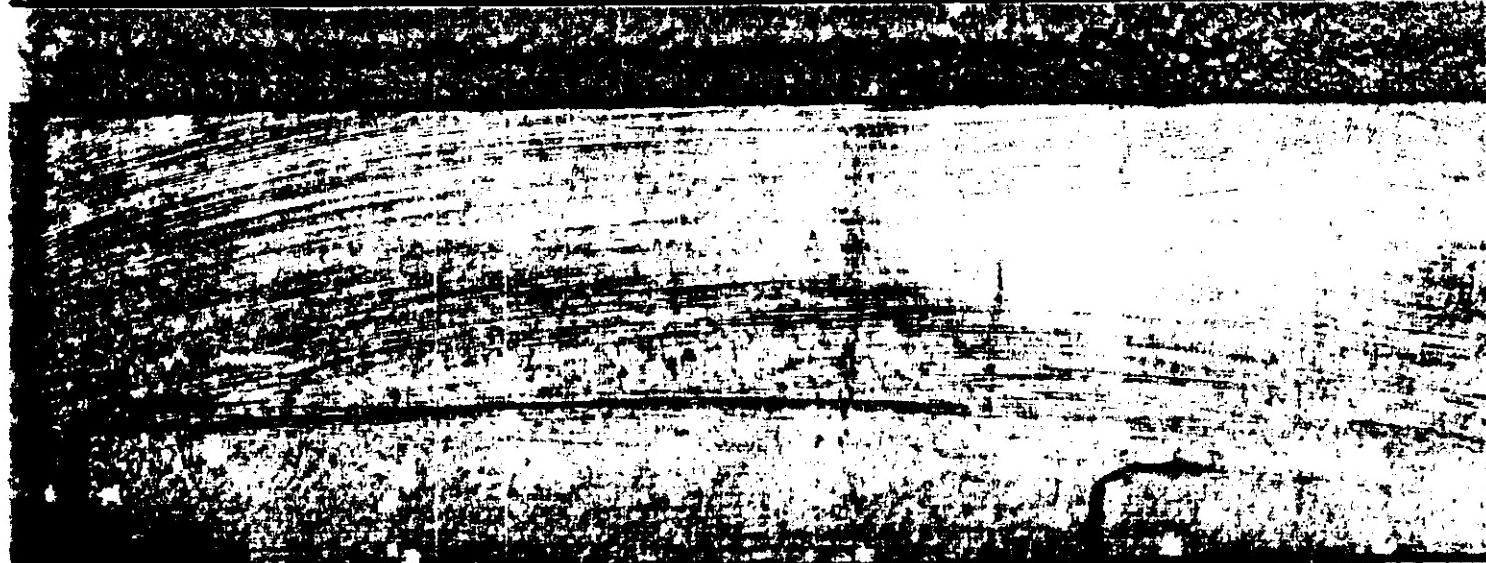
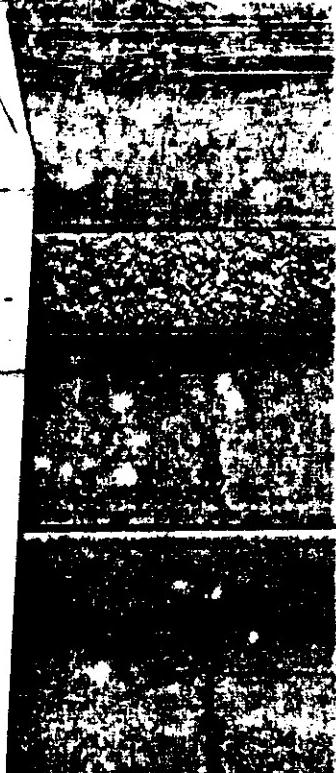
Yours very truly,

Robert F. Jones, LL.B., A.B., M.A.
Prosecuting Attorney
Allen County, Ohio

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Ack. 3-11-37 J.M.W.
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Mr. Don V. Fisher,
Box 57,
Gerry, New York.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 2, 1937 with reference to an advertisement appearing in a column of the "Janestown Morning Post" relative to the Black Legion.

Please be advised that the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau is limited to certain specific Federal offenses, and the matter referred to in your letter does not come within the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

Thanking you for your interest in the Bureau,
I am,

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Buffalo

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MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, CHIEF DEPT. JUSTICE.
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1932 Chev. Coach, radio, hot water heater, electric fan, good rubber, cash price \$200. 25 McDaniel after 5 o'clock evenings.

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EXCEPTIONAL USED CAR BUYS WITH GUARANTEED MILEAGE

'36 Plymouth Tudor, 7,000 miles with trunk

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'34 Plymouth DeL. Sedan 18,000 miles

'33 Chrysler Sedan, 18,000 miles

'32 Pontiac Coach, 2,000 miles

'33 Plymouth Coupe, R. S.

'34 Ford DeL. Coach

'32 P. B. Coach

'32 Dodge 5 Pass. Coupe

'31 Ford Coach

'30 Ford Coupe

Many more light cheap cars still good transportation

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Employment

Help Wanted—Female

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GIRL wanted for part time house-work, one living on South side preferred. References required. Write Box T-70 Jamestown Post.

WANTED—All women and girls interested in their future to learn mysteries and powers of the Black Legion. Don't remain in ignorance. See Committee 116 E. 3d St. Sunday 1 P. M.

WANTED—Competent young lady with at least several years experience as bookkeeper in an industrial establishment, as an assistant bookkeeper. In your reply give full particulars covering previous employment, salary and age. Write W-70 Post.

WANTED—Refined lady about middleaged with sales experience. Good opportunity for right party. Call after 6 P. M. at 37 Walnut Street.

WANTED—Experienced beauty operator with following in first-class shop. W-69 Jamestown Post.

WANTED—Girl or woman for general housework. Stay nights. 272 S. Main St., upstairs.

WIDOWER wishes middleaged or older Christian lady as housekeeper. Good home. Address X-70 Jamestown Post.

Help Wanted—Male

33
EXPERIENCED salesman, local work. Leads furnished. Must be able earn \$200 monthly. Phone 56-864 evenings.

I WILL select men to train for Electric Refrigeration and Air Conditioning positions experience unnecessary. Write Mr. McConnell, Electric Refrigeration Box R-70 Jamestown Post.

WANTED—Experienced metal press operator and spot welder. Manufacturers' Association Employment Bureau, 818 Pine.

WANTED—Red blooded men to learn mysteries and powers of Black Legion. Learn now! Don't remain in ignorance! See Committee 116 E. 3d St. Sunday 1 P. M.

WANTED—Middleaged man for farm, single, reliable, good teamster and milker. References. Address N-70 Jamestown Post.

WANTED—Man, with car, between the ages 25-40 years. Applicant will be trained in the collection and sales division of our business under personal training and direction of our assistant manager. Drawing account against sales commission also collecting commission. Paid while learning. Position permanent. Apply 325 No. Main. Mr. Walsh or Mr. Clymer.

WANTED—Licensed pharmacist for full time job. Write D-70

Live Stock

Horses, Cattle, Vehicles

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1-3 YEAR Holstein heifer, fresh soon. Phone Panama 112. John S. Graves, Ashville, N. Y.

EXPRESS LOAD OF ILL. HORSES ON SALE AT MY BARNS ON KENNEDY-ELLINGTON ROAD.

28 HEAD OF AS GOOD THICK CHUNKS AND BIG HORSES AS YOU HAVE SEEN IN MANY A DAY. I BOUGHT THESE HORSES MYSELF DIRECT FROM FARMERS IN FULTON AND KNOX COUNTIES IN ILL. IN THIS LOAD IS A PAIR OF REAL DARK DAPPLED GREY GELDINGS THAT WOULD SUIT THE MOST CRITICAL BUYER.

1 PR. PURE WHITE GELDINGS, WT. 3,400 LBS. SOME SINGLE MARES IN FOAL AND SOME MATCHED TEAMS OF MARES. 1 FLASHY COLORED PAIR OF THICK ROAM GELDINGS WITH BLAZE FACES AND WHITE MARKINGS. AND 1 BLACK AND WHITE SPOTTED PAIR. THESE HORSES WEIGH FROM 1,400 TO 1,800 LBS. EACH. THEY NEVER SAW THE STOCKYARD OR A HORSE MARKET IN THEIR LIVES AND WERE SHIPPED IN AN EXPRESS CAR. THEY ARE A CRACKING GOOD LOAD OF HORSES. SOUND AND RIGHT IN EVERY WAY AND THEY MUST SATISFY. F. H. ANDERSON, KENNEDY, N. Y. PH. 23-F-12.

Poultry and Supplies

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COAL, oil and electric brooders, batteries of all kinds. Lakeside Poultry Exch. Lakewood. Ph. 3-731.

GOOD feeders and fountain cuts feed cost. Buy these from Anderson Milker Co., 1372 E. 2d.

LAYENA CHECKERS will help you get more eggs no matter what feeding plan you follow. Jastn. Feed & Supply. Ph. 64-532.

POULTRY EQUIPMENT—Be sure of egg production through the use of proper poultry equipment. Falconer Milling Co., Falconer, N. Y.

Merchandise

Articles for Sale

51
ALWAYS buys, sells and exchange household and office furniture, machinery, electric motors, belting, restaurant and store fixtures, etc. Surplus and Salvage Co., 708 East Second St., near Winsor. Ph. 3763.

FOR SALE—Heavy double work harness, A-1 condition. Inq. 27 Carlton Ave., Falconer.

FOR SALE—Chestnut grape posts, on good road. Marvin Hawley, Freewsburg, N. Y.

NEW and used household goods. Living room suites \$69.50 up. felt base rugs, 9x12, \$4.95. Circulating heaters and kitchen gas ranges. Other household goods. At bargain prices. Lobo's, 15 Harrison.

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COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT APPEARING IN February 2, 1937
ISSUE OF JAMESTOWN MORNING POST IN "HELP WANTED - MALE"
COLUMN.

WANTED — Red blooded men to learn mysteries and powers
of Black Legion. Learn now! Don't remain in ignorance!
See Committee 116 E. 3d St. Sunday 1 P.M.

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Mr. Mr. Edgar Hoover, Chief Dept, Justice.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-.

I am enclosing a part of the Morning Post, a daily Paper of Jamestown, N.Y. and while looking over the Male help want column, I noticed the enclosed ad, which I marked around with ink, I have read some not so long ago about the black legions activities and I did not think it sounded so good, so I thought maybe they were trying to get new members, of course it may all be legitimate but I just thought I would mail you this ad, in case that you did want to investigate their doings,

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John E. Fisher
Former Constable

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Black Legion Probed by La Follette Group

DETROIT, April 21 (By International News Service).—The La-Follette Civil Liberties Committee is investigating the origin of the Black Legion, it was learned today after the Senate investigators came here to probe labor espionage tactics in automobile plants. they believed Sugar was a Communist.

FACE 1 TO 5 YEARS.

Those convicted of the plot against Sugar were Arthur Lupp, reputed former Michigan commander of the Black Legion; Wil-

The committee's agents, it was determined, also were seeking to uncover instances where the civil liberties statutes had been violated by the black-robed night-riders.

- Disclosure the LaFollette committee had turned its searchlight into activities of the clan came when two investigators of the committee appeared at police headquarters, and discussed the background of the terrorist cult with detectives who had worked on the case.

5 GUILTY OF PLOT.

Disclosure of the probe was coincident with the trial in Circuit Court of five alleged members of the Black Legion. Judge John J. Maher today found the five guilty of conspiring to break up a political campaign meeting conducted by Maurice Sugar, labor attorney, in 1938.

Sugar since has become the attorney for the United Automobile Workers Union.

At that time, however, the Black Legion had pledged its members through a "blood oath" to fight Communism, and it was charged the five Black Legionnaires convicted today had tried to break up the rally because

-they believed Sugar was a Communist.

FACE 1 TO 5 YEARS.

Those convicted of the plot against Sugar were Arthur Lupp, reputed former Michigan commander of the Black Legion; Wilbur Robinson, Roy Hepner, Alvis Clark and Leslie Black. The latter was a former Common Pleas Court clerk.

Judge Maher said he would pass sentence next week. The convicted men face sentences of from one to five years in jail.

The LaFollette committee's sudden interest in the Black Legion also recalled that some members of the night-riders had once worked in automobile plants, and that the Legion had been active in recruiting members from among auto workers.

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February 14, 1937.

Mr. Leland Simpson,
c/o Howe School,
Howe, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 14, 1937. I regret to advise you that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is not in a position to furnish you with any data concerning the Black Legion.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

CC - Indianapolis

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Howe School
Howe Ind.
February 10, 1937

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

A few months ago a certain group of men
calling themselves the Black Legion were exterminated.
I wonder if you would send me all available information
on this subject.

Respectfully yours,

Leland Simpson

Leland Simpson

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Mr. Nathan
 Mr. Tolson
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 Mr. Joseph
 Mr. Lester
 Mr. Quinn
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 Mr. Tamm
 Mr. Tracy
 Miss Gandy
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NINE GUILTY IN BLACK LEGION MURDER PLOT

Detroit, March 2 (U.P).— Nine members of the terroristic Black Legion were found guilty today of conspiring to murder Arthur L. Kingsley, Highland Park publisher, during 1933 and 1934.

Records Judge John V. Brennan acquitted seven other members of the hooded order.

Judge Brennan sitting as both judge and jury in the trial, found the following guilty: Arthur L. Lunn, Brigadier-General of the Black Legion; N. Ray Markland, former Highland Park Mayor; Roy Hepner, Colonel in the Black Legion; Alvis Clark, Frank Howard, Rudyard Kipling Wellman, William

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Mr. J. P. MacFarland,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
444B Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: Unknown Subjects; Doctor Z. T.
Wirtschafter; Albert Phillips -
Victims; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau February 1, 1937.

Very truly yours,

E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

Enclosure: #1063624

cc - Indianapolis

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 19, 1937

Number

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Case: Unknown Subjects: Doctor Z. T. Wirtschafter; Albert Phillips

Victims: Extortion.

Specimens: One sheet typewritten letter typed on a typewriter in the possession of A. E. Gordon, KZ. Two sheets typewritten letter typed on a typewriter in the possession of G. E. Walters, KJ. One sheet typewritten typed on a typewriter in the possession of the Station Agent of the Monon Railroad Station, Monon, Indiana. KX. Nine sheets written in the known handwriting of Alba E. Kelley.

Examination requested by:

Cleveland

Date received:

2/1/37

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering

The two extortion letters to Doctor Z. T. Wirtschafter and Albert Phillips were not written on any one of these three typewriters.

The sheets of paper listed as K4 differ in texture from the two extortion letters.

The original evidence listed as specimens 9-2842-8 K1, K2, K3 and K4 being returned herewith, photographic copies having been made for the compilation of the Laboratory's files.

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

March 9, 1937

Hon. Walter Johnson
Post Office Inspector in Charge
New Post Office Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the letter and envelope which you forwarded with your letter of March 4, 1937, and which was addressed to Mr. Herman Behnke, East Franklin Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

Inasmuch as this letter does not contain any demand for money same does not fall under the jurisdiction of this Bureau and no investigation is being conducted thereof.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Herman Behnke,

East Franklin Street,

Portage, Wisc.



Black Legion Div. No. 7.

Feb. 28, 1937.

Mr. Herman Behnke,
Portage, Wis.

Dear Sir-

Maybe you don't know what the Black Legion is.
Well you are hearing of them and from them - NOW.

For your information we wish to inform you that there are one hundred and twenty-one members of our order in your city. They recently requested some outside members to come into the city and obtain the consensus of public opinion regarding the manner in which you have been damaging your premises by digging a hole in the front and other ways in which you have failed to be a good citizen.

The committee quietly and secretly questioned six hundred and ninety-four tax payers, all of whom agreed that you should be driven out of town and made to stay out unless you keep your premises in far better condition than you have here-to-fore.

They found that you are guilty of violating four city ordinances.

1. You continually permit noxious weeds to grow on your premises.
2. You fail to keep your sidewalks free from snow after each storm.
3. You have rented your two stall brick garage for industrial purposes violating City Zoning Ordinance.
4. You have dug and maintained an unsightly hole in the front of your premises without consent of the Fire Chief.

The Black Legion hereby notifies you to fill that hole, work to start not latter than April 5th 1937. To sod the entire front of your property and to keep the entire lawn mowed same as other respectable people. To order your garage tenant to remove immediately all trash outside the building and keep the ground around it neat and free from junk.

Should you fail to comply with this demand on or before April 5th and have the hole properly filled not latter than May 1st. the Black Legion will then use its own discretion as to the kind of punishment to administer befitting a man of your type.

Remember dynamite is cheap.

HR:CDW

March 5, 1937.

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Mr. Robert F. Jones,
Prosecuting Attorney,
Allen County,
1608 Lima Trust Building,
Lima, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Jones:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 26, 1937, enclosing two pictures of Virgil E. Effinger.

As stated in my letter of February 10, 1937, the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau is restricted, and I regret that the Bureau is unable to comply with your request to circularize a wanted notice for Effinger.

If you will furnish a complete description of Effinger, a wanted notice will be placed in the files of the Identification Division of this Bureau, and you will then be advised should any information be received concerning his whereabouts.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICE OF THE
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
ALLEN COUNTY
1008 LIMA TRUST BUILDING
LIMA, OHIO

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
ROBERT F. JONES
ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS
JOHN H. DAVISON
M. B. JENKINS

February 26, 1937.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I enclose two pictures of Virgil Effinger. The small print of his face is a half-tone proof of a cut. The photograph was not available. This picture was used in 1932 when Effinger ran for Sheriff. The other picture is the last picture that was taken of Effinger in the basement of his home.

Under separate cover I am sending two dyes or casts of newspaper pictures, one used in the campaign of 1934 and the other one is a side view. I do not know the date that this last picture was taken.

I hope that you can use this material to circularize a "wanted" card for Effinger.

Yours very truly,

Robert Jones
Prosecuting Attorney
Allen County, Ohio

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ROBERT F. JONES
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
LIMA, OHIO



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EMH:MCL April 16, 1937
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Miss Marjorie Hoffmann,
River Vale Road,
Westwood, New Jersey.

Dear Miss Hoffmann:

In answer to your communication dated April 12, 1937, I must advise that I do not have available for distribution the information which you request. I am pleased, however, to enclose copies of the following Bureau publications which you may find of value:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
The Selection and Training of Personnel
Criminal Identification and the Functions
of the Identification Division
The Technical Laboratory
Uniform Crime Reports, Volume 7, No. 4
Local Law Enforcement in Relation to
National Crime

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Enclosure # 1019908

River Vale Rd.
Westwood N.J.
April, 12, 1937

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice.

Dear Mr. Hoover.

As a student in Sociology I am greatly interested in your work of ending crime in our country. I have been greatly interested in the Black Legion gang.

Will you kindly send me information about them? Hoping you will acknowledge this letter, I am

Sincerely,
(Miss) Marjorie Hoffmann

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61-7398-1077
Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

ORIGINAL FILE IN
9-2242-19

Re: Unknown Subjects;
Doctor Z. T. Wirtschafter, Albert
Phillips - Victim; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau June 8, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #1015149

cc-Indianapolis

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

X Laboratory Report

June 18, 1937

Number:

9-2242-16

Case:

Baltimore Subjects
Doctor E. T. Wirtzchafter
Albert Phillips - Victim
Exortion

Specimens: (See attached sheet)

4,0 Examination requested by:

5,0 Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of examination:

It has been concluded that the letters listed on the attached sheet were written with an L.C. Smith typewriter equipped with #1 Pica type, the letters being spaced ten to the inch. This style of type was manual between January, 1914 and July, 1933.

This is not the same typewriter as that used to write the letters previously received by Doctor Wirtzchafter and Albert Phillips which have been previously arranged in the laboratory.

Specimen Q1 measures approximately 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", having been torn across top and bottom. The paper bears a linen finish and has no watermark envelope, Q2, measures approximately 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", is of plain white paper has no watermark. Specimen Q3 is 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and is similar to Q1. Q4 is similar to Q2. These envelopes are similar to the ones used.

The letters and envelopes were treated for latent fingerprints and was developed.

Photographic copies of the evidence submitted are being made herewith and photographic copies of the submitted specimens will be placed in a separate letter file for comparison purposes and if an identity made known action will be notified.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING MAINTAINED IN THE LABORATORY
SUCH THAT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED SHOULD NOT
BE MADE ON TRIAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY PROSECUTION.
BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF THE COURTS TRANSLIT

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Page 2,
Laboratory Report #17220,
June 16, 1937.

- Specimens: 9-2242-16:
- Q1. Typewritten letter beginning "Mr. Z. T. Wirtschafter this
is our____".
 - Q2. Envelope postmarked "Indianapolis, Indiana, 4, May 31, 1937,
7:30 P. M.", addressed to Mr. Z. T. Wirtschafter.
 - Q3. Typewritten letter beginning "Mr. Albert Phillips this is
our____".
 - Q4. Envelope postmarked "Indianapolis, Indiana, 4, May 31, 1937,
7:30 P.M.", addressed to Mr. Albert Phillips.

Fingerprints of the following for elimination:

Marion E. Kellogg	Charles S. McCarthy
Edwin E. Lampert	Harold C. Meiss
Ray S. Powers	Frank B. Reece
George J. Gerlach	Louis N. Hudson
William H. Kelley	P. W. Lott
J. D. Switzer	Clarence Casey
George M. Hawley	

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July 12, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL BRIEN McMAHON

I am in receipt of a letter dated July 1, 1937, directed to the Attorney General, "Attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation," by Mr. K. P. Aldrich, Chief Inspector, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., with which he transmitted an undated letter received by the Post Office Department from Norman G. Clay, Soldier, Kentucky, together with a threatening communication, dated June 21, 1937, received by Clay through the United States mails.

I am transmitting to you, herewith, copies of the letter directed to the Post Office Department by Clay, together with photostatic copies of the threatening letter received by him and the envelope in which this letter was contained.

It is requested that you advise whether this is a matter coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, or whether the same should be handled by the Post Office Department.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #A-10783

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Inside by

June, 2, 1932

Vagabond Clay

Black Legion gives
you 10 days to straighten
up in. Don't get drunk
on the cow money
or we will get 1 Deville
and whips you back
member of the Black
Legion. And be sure
to pull them Dame
boots off.

Black Legion
Rosa Talender
P.S. and well kill
Mickey

Post Office Department
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR
Washington

IN REPLY REFER TO:

LGS:WD

July 1, 1937.

The Honorable

The Attorney General.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Attention of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

There is transmitted herewith for such attention as you may deem advisable a letter from Mr. Norman G. Clay, Soldier, Kentucky, together with one he received threatening to inflict bodily punishment.

Very truly yours,

For the Postmaster General,

A.P. Aldrich
Chief Inspector.

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H. C. Horning clay
Salem Ky.
H. C. Horning clay
Salem Ky.

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Orig. of anon. letter
returned to Mr. Clay
as far his request
Photostats attached

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Soldier

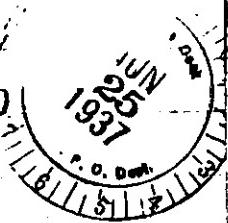
Chief Post Office Inspector
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir I am
sending you a letter
that was mailed to
me at Soldier. I would
like to have this
investigated as soon
possible as the odds are
here that done this

Yours truly G. Clark

P.S. I am sending Letter
and Envelope to you

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July 30, 1937.

Mr. Norman O. Clay,
Soldier,
Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Clay:

Under date of July 1, 1937 Mr. K. P. Aldrich, Chief Inspector, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., referred to me your undated letter, together with a threatening communication, postmarked Soldier, Kentucky, June 28, 1937, received by you.

This threatening communication was referred to the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice and I am now in receipt of advice indicating that an examination of the threatening communication in question fails to disclose a violation of any Federal Law or Laws. In view of this, I regret that this Bureau will be unable to conduct an investigation into this matter.

I am returning to you herewith the threatening communication, together with the envelope in which it was contained.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS #16851 (Photostatic copy retained in Bur. file)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Department of Justice
Washington

July 20, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER.

I am in receipt of your memorandum of July 12, 1937, transmitting copies of a letter addressed to the Chief Inspector of the Post Office Department in this city by one Norman G. Clay, Soldier, Kentucky, together with photostatic copies of alleged threatening letters addressed to him by the Black Legion and dated June 21, 1937.

You request to be advised whether or not this is a matter coming within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or whether the same should be handled by the Post Office Department.

You are advised that an examination of the threatening communication in question fails to disclose a violation of any Federal law or laws.

Brien McMahon
BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

Letter to Mr. Clay 7-30-37 P.C.D.

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August 16, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: Unknown Subjects;
Doctor Z. T. Wirtschafter,
Albert Phillips - Victims;
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau August 9, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

cc-Cleveland

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